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SUBJ: CONOMBO CONCERNING LAMIZANA'S US VISIT

REF: OUAGADOUGOU 2310 (NOTAL)

1. FONMIN CONOMBO TOLD US THIS MORNING HE AND PRESIDENT LAMIZANA, EXTREMELY PLEASED BY RESULTS US VISIT. SUPPORTED DAKOURE'S COMMENTS YESTERDAY (REFTEL) CONCERNING ABILITY OF US OFFICIALS, FROM PRESIDENT ON DOWN, TO PUT ASIDE OTHER PROBLEMS AND PREOCCUPATIONS AND DEVOTE CONCERNED ATTENTION TO ONGOING SAHEL EMERGENCY.

2. CONOMBO STRESSED FOLLOWING POINTS THEY FOUND PARTICULARLY IMPRESSIVE:

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A) PRESIDENT NIXON'S WILLINGNESS TAKE TIME RECEIVE LAMIZANA, AND HIS GRACIOUS CONVERSATION WITH ENTIRE GROUP THEREAFTER IN GARDEN;

B) MEETING WITH HOUSE AND SENATE SUBCOMMITTEES ON AFRICA AND EVIDENCE OF THEIR COMMITMENT TO ASSISTANCE FOR THE SAHEL;

C) VISIT TO GODDARD SPACE CENTER AND THE SATELLITE IMAGERY OF SAHEL REGION. CONOMBO ADMITTED HE FOUND SATELLITE CAPABILITIES A BIT FRIGHTENING, SAYING "WE'LL HAVE NO SECRETS ANYMORE." AT SAME TIME HE RECOGNIZED ITS FUTURE POTENTIAL FOR DEVELOPMENTAL PURPOSES. WE

OBSERVED THAT THE METHODOLOGY NECESSARY TO APPLY SATELLITE TECHNOLOGY TO THE PROBLEMS OF THE SAHEL IS STILL PROBABLY FAR IN THE FUTURE.

D) SECRETARY KISSINGER'S MEETING WITH AFRICAN DELEGATES AT USUN.

E) CONSTANT SOLICITED OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY NEWSOM AND HIS STAFF ON BEHALF OF SUCCESS OF LAMIZANA MISSION.

3. I HAVE REQUESTED APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT TO DISCUSS HIS IMPRESSIONS OF VISIT.

4. THIS WAS FIRST OPPORTUNITY WE'VE HAD TO BRIEF CONOMBO CONCERNING UPPER VOLTA VISIT BY FEI TASKFORCE. SIGNIFICANT TO NOTE THAT HE APPARENTLY COMPLETELY IGNORANT OF RESULTS TASKFORCE VISIT IN SPITE OF FACT SEVERAL OTHER MINISTERS WELL FAMILIAR WITH IT AND WE GAVE AN INFORMATION SHEET ABOUT IT DAYS AGO TO HIS CABINET DIRECTOR. WHILE RECOGNIZING TENTATIVE AND UNOFFICIAL NATURE OF TASKFORCE RECOMMENDATIONS, CONOMBO EXPRESSED WARMEST GRATIFICATION CONCERNING RESULTS.

5. WE BRIEFED CONOMBO CONCERNING PROPOSED MIT TEAM VISIT AND ITS RELATION TO LONGER TERM US ASSISTANCE EFFORT, TELLING HIM DAKOURE WAS TO GIVE US DATES FOR A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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VISIT TO TAKE PLACE FOLLOWING THE CILSS COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING IN ROME (REFTEL).
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